

INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

AGENDA: October 5, 2006

- 1) Minutes from the July 13, 2006 meeting of the Commission.
Passed.
- 2) Status Report: Task Force to Study Indigent Defense in Indiana
Criminal Rule 24 Study
Waiting for response from Chief Justice Shepard regarding a task force sponsored by the Courts.
- 3) Requests for 50% Reimbursement in Capital Cases
All requests for reimbursement granted.
- 4) New Comprehensive Plan Review
 - Howard County – Chief Public Defender**Commission approved Howard County's Comprehensive Plan**
- 5) Requests for 40% Reimbursement in Non-capital Case
 - Compliance issues
 - Stephen Owens, Chief Public Defender, Vanderburgh County
 - Pat Biggs, Chief Public Defender, Floyd County**Grant County approved with 9.2% adjustment**
Floyd, Clark, Steuben, and Miami County's requests deferred to December 2006
All other requests for reimbursement granted, but prorated.
- 6) Requests for Reconsideration of 1st Quarter Reimbursement in Non-capital Requests
 - Hancock County
 - Marion County
 - Ohio County
 - Switzerland County**All requests for reconsideration granted.**
- 7) Financial Status of Public Defense Fund
Upon review of figures, Commission agreed to proration of reimbursement for non-capital requests.
- 8) Comparison of 1st Quarter to 2nd Quarter Noncapital Requests for Reimbursement
Commission pleased with results of first-time, self-reporting of non-reimbursable expenditures by the Counties.
- 9) Form Revisions to Request for Reimbursement in Non-capital Cases
 - Provision of Data to Support use of "Adequate Support" classification**No revision to form. Counties will be contacted individually for confirmation of "adequate support" classification.**

10) Requiring Statutory, Standard and Comprehensive Plan compliance

11) \$60 Hourly Rate for Assigned Counsel

Tabled

12) Staff Report

Tabled

13) Full-time Public Defenders with Private Practices

Discussion of Marion and other counties with full-time defenders who take private cases, and prosecutors that take civil cases, to supplement income.

14) Next Meeting: December 14, 2006 2:00 p.m.